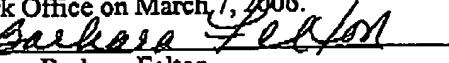


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

SIR:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension, a petition pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and authorization to charge the requisite fee being enclosed.

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